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TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: BRIEFING GROUPS IN WINDHOEK

REF: PRETORIA 118; USUN 071

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1. ALTHOUGH WE CAN SEE ARGUMENTS AGAINST PUBLICATION
OF THE CG PAPER, ON BALANCE DEPT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE
THAT PUBLICATION SHORTLY AFTER TEXT GIVEN TO SAG,
S4APO AND OTHERS WOULD BE DESIRABLE. THIS WOULD AVOID
PROBLEM OF RESPONDING TO SELECTIVE LEAKS OF PROPOSAL
BY SAG OR SWAPO. WE WOULD PRESENT PROPOSAL AS BASIS FOR
NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE CONSIDER FAIR TO ALL BUT

NATURALLY SUBJECT TO ANY CHANGES BOTH SIDES CAN ACCEPT. HOWEVER, IF THE FIVE ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON PUBLICATION, DEPARTMENT WOULD NEVERTHELESS FAVOR BRIEFINGS AND TRANSMITTAL OF TEXTS TO INTERNAL NAMIBIAN GROUPS AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME AS TEXTS ARE GIVEN TO SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO. IT IS CLEAR THAT SWAPO WILL PLAY PRINCIPAL ROLE IN PROXIMITY TALKS ON BEHALF OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND SWAPO WILL MOST LIKELY CLAIM THAT OTHER NAMIBIAN GROUPS ARE CREATURES OF SOUTH AFRICA. WE WISH TO AVOID APPEARANCE THAT WE ACCEPT THIS VIEW OR SWAPO'S

CLAIM TO BE SOLE LEGITIMATE NAMIBIAN REPRESENTATIVE AND SEE PROVISION OF TEXTS AS MEANS TO PREVENT CHARGES OF FAVORITISM.

2. IF CONTACT GROUP UNABLE AGREE ON PUBLICATION AT THIS TIME, YOU SHOULD REITERATE OUR VIEW THAT PUBLICATION WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND SUGGEST THAT THIS ISSUE BE DISCUSSED AT GROUP'S MEETING WITH OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS.

3. IF CONTACT GROUP DECIDES TO PUBLISH ITS PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT, PRIOR TO OPENING OF PROXIMITY TALKS, DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO BRIEF INTERNAL NAMIBIAN GROUPS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. BRIEFINGS SHOULD INCLUDE PROVISION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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TEXT OF PROPOSAL TO THE VARIOUS INTERNAL GROUPS.

4. FOR PRETORIA:

AS REGARDS THE NATURE OF BRIEFINGS OF INTERNAL NAMIBIAN GROUPS, DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER THAT BRIEFING PARTY BE COMPOSED ACCORDING OPTION TWO REFTEL, I.E., TWO AMBASSADORS WITH DCM OR COUNSELOR REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER THREE MISSIONS. SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT AMONG THE FIVE, YOU AND FRG AMBASSADOR EICK MAY HEAD THE BRIEFING PARTY.

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